THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAMLAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The The Prime Minister met some experts informally. Some suggestions for increasing agricultural production were made by them.

(c) Government attaches the highest importance to agricultural production. Special thrust programmes for increasing the production of foodgrains oilseeds and pulses have already been introduced.

Crop Insurance scheme for all crops and farmers

1289. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any demands have been made to make the Crop Insurance Scheme applicable to all crops, to non-loanee farmers also and claim assessment on the basis of the smallest unit;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) what is the Central share in the payment of claims to the farmers for the loss of crops under the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demands for extending the coverage of crop insurance to all crops and to non-loanee farmers have been examined by the Government. However, it has not been considered feasible to accept these demands. As regards the demand for claim assessment on the basis of the smallest unit, the implementing State Governments have the option to implement the scheme even at village level provided requisite yield data at that level for each of the insured crop are available and it is possible for State Governments to conduct the minimum number of crop cutting experiments in each of such notified village.

(c) The Central share in the payment of claims is two-third of the total claim.

Requirements of drinking water at Delhi

1290. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps being taken to meet the water needs of the citizens of the metropolis in view of the acute water shortage in Delhi; and

(b) what are the plans formulated to meet water requirements of the coming decade in view of the fast development of Delhi into Megacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The assessed requirement of water of Delhi at present is over 472 mgd and the present production of water is 409 mgd which is short by 63 mgd. Upto 2001 A.D. the requirement of water for Delhi has been projected as under:—

Year	Requirement
1990	592 mgd.
1995	702 mgd.
2001	1024 mgd.

The following works of immediate nature for augmenting Delhi Water Supply have been taken in hand:—

(i) Construction of 3 ranney wells in Alipur area to yield 12 mgd of water. One ranney well in Mayur Vihar is nearing completion. Its yield is expected to be 3 mgd.

(ii) Action has also been taken to construct 5 additional ranney wells in the basin of the Yamuna river. These 5 additional ranney wells will yield about 20 mgd of water.

(iii) Construction of 40 mgd water treatment plant at Wazirabad.

(iv) Construction of 12 mgd water Treatment Plant at Okhla.

In total, these will yield more than 70 mgd of additional water.